

GRANTS FOR LICENSED TEACHERS**AMENDMENTS**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill extends and modifies a program that provides grants to minimize teachers' out-of-pocket expenses related to taking tests to meet highly qualified teacher standards and to obtain advanced-level certification.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ extends for three years a program directing the State Board of Education to give grants to school districts and charter schools to minimize teachers' expenses to obtain certification by the National Board for Professional Teacher Standards or take tests to meet highly qualified teacher standards;
- ▶ directs the State Board of Education to also give grants to minimize teachers' expenses to obtain Distinguished Teacher certification by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence; and
- ▶ repeals the grant program on July 1, 2012.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2009.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-6-112, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

63I-2-253, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 250, 397 and renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-6-112** is amended to read:

53A-6-112. Grants for licensed teachers.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "American Board Distinguished Teacher certification" means a current Distinguished Teacher certificate issued by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence.

~~[(a)]~~ (b) "Licensed teacher" means a teacher who holds:

(i) a level 1, level 2, or level 3 license; and

(ii) the endorsements required by board rule for the teacher's assignments.

~~[(b)]~~ (c) "National Board certification" means a current certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(2) A grant program is created to minimize out-of-pocket expenses of licensed teachers to:

(a) obtain National Board certification; ~~[or]~~

(b) obtain American Board Distinguished Teacher certification; or

~~[(b)]~~ (c) take tests to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards as defined in 20 U.S.C. Sec. 7801.

(3) The State Board of Education shall give grants to school districts and charter schools for the purpose stated in Subsection (2) from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(4) To receive a grant, a school district or charter school shall provide matching funds to minimize out-of-pocket expenses of licensed teachers to obtain National Board certification or American Board Distinguished Teacher certification or to take tests to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards in an amount equal to the grant.

(5) Grant monies and matching funds shall be used to pay for costs of licensed teachers

that are directly related to:

(a) obtaining National Board certification; ~~[or]~~

(b) obtaining American Board Distinguished Teacher certification; or

~~[(b)]~~ (c) taking tests that, if the licensed teacher passes, the teacher meets federal highly qualified teacher standards.

(6) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated by the Legislature to school districts and charter schools to pay for costs of licensed teachers directly related to obtaining National Board certification or American Board Distinguished Teacher certification or taking tests to meet federal highly qualified teacher standards in accordance with:

(a) Subsection (4); and

(b) a formula adopted by the board, after consultation with school districts and charter schools, that allocates the funding ~~[in a fair and equitable manner.]~~ so that an equal amount of money is available for grants to obtain:

(i) National Board certification; and

(ii) American Board Distinguished Teacher certification.

(7) The State Board of Education shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to administer this section.

Section 2. Section **63I-2-253** is amended to read:

63I-2-253. Repeal dates -- Titles 53, 53A, and 53B.

(1) Section 53A-1-403.5 is repealed July 1, 2012.

(2) Title 53A, Chapter 1a, Part 10, UPSTART, is repealed July 1, 2014.

(3) Section 53A-3-702 is repealed July 1, 2008.

(4) Section 53A-6-112 is repealed July 1, ~~[2009]~~ 2012.

(5) Subsection 53A-13-110(3) is repealed July 1, 2013.

(6) Section 53A-17a-152 is repealed July 1, 2010.

(7) Section 53A-17a-162 is repealed July 1, 2012.

Section 3. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2009.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
